PRODUCTION OF COAL IN BIHAR AND REVISION OF ROYALTY

1013. SHRI SYED SHAHABUDDIN : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to refer to the reply given on July 16, 1991 to Unstarred question No. 212 regarding coal production and state :

(a) the ex-mine head coal price on February 12, 1981 and on January, 1989 when the coal price was last revised ;

(b) the total quantity of coal produced in Bihar cumulatively since 12-1-1981 or 1-4-1981 if the data are available only on financial year basis, upto 31st December, 1988 and 31-3-1989 ;

(c) whether the coal producing states have been pressing for automatic revision of rate of royalty with the ..... revision of coal price or for fixation of royalty ad-valorem ; and

(d) if so, the reaction of the Union Government thereto ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S. B. NYAMAGOUDA) :

(a) The expithead prices of coal vary from grade to grade. The average expithead prices of coal for Coal India Limited (CIL) and Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL) on the dates indicated are given below.

(Prices in Rs. per tonne)

	CIL	SCCL
12-2-1981	128.02	136.85
1-1-1989	249.00	270.00
24-1-1989	249.00	297.00

(b) According to available information, coal produced in Bihar during the period 1-4-1981 to 31-3-1989 adds upto 458.33 million tonnes.

(c) Some of the States have been suggesting fixation of rates of royalty on ad valorem basis.

(d) The study groups appointed by the Government over a period of time to recommend enhancement of rates of royalty on coal have not favoured its fixation on ad-valorem basis. However the proposal to enhance the specific rates of royalty on coal is under consideration of the Government.

RURAL ELECTRIFICATION IN BIHAR

1014. SHRI SYED SHAHABUDDIN : Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) the number of villages electrified in Kishanganj, Araria, Purnea district of Bihar during 1988-89, 1989-90 and 1990-1991 ;

(b) the number of unelectrified villages as on April 1, 1991 ;

(c) the number of villages likely to be electrified during 1991-92, district-wise ; and

(d) whether power supply is actually available in the villages which have been electrified so far, and if so, the number of electrified villages in which power was actually available as on March 31, 1991 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI) : (a) As per available information, the number of villages electrified in Kishanganj, Araria and Purnea districts of Bihar during the last three years are as under :—

Year	Kishanganj	Araria	Purnea
1988-89	17	32	58
1989-90	30	29	47
1990-91	—	—	2
Total	47	61	107